

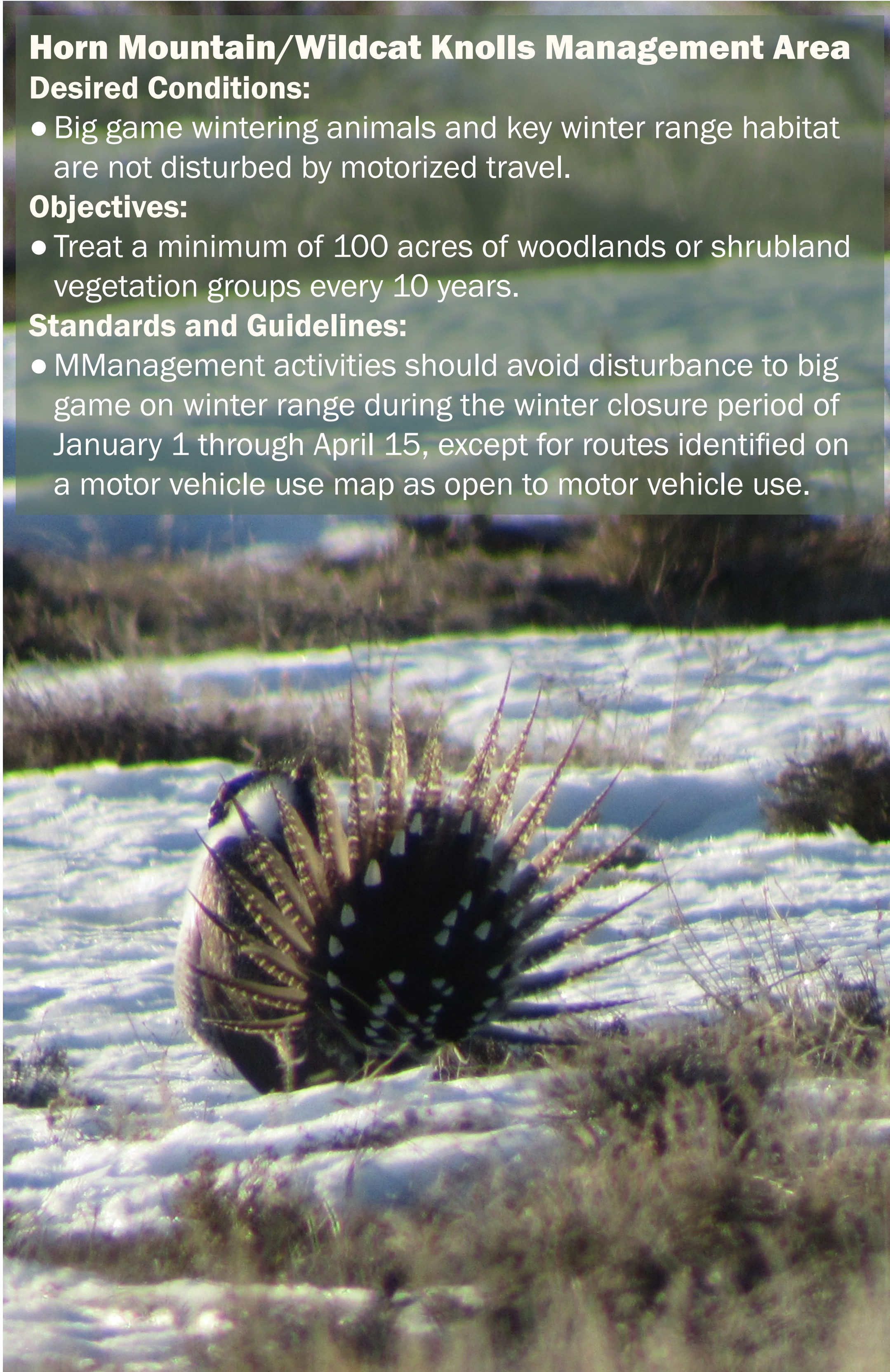
Species of Conservation Concern (SCC)

Objective:

- Review SCC list within one year of plan decision and review it every three years for the life of the plan.

Standards and Guidelines:

- Ground-disturbing activities shall not occur in identified Boreal toad breeding sites, unless to improve the habitat.
- A five-inch or greater stubble height of herbaceous species should be present within riparian management zones where aquatic At-Risk Animal species are known to occur.



Horn Mountain/Wildcat Knolls Management Area

Desired Conditions:

- Big game wintering animals and key winter range habitat are not disturbed by motorized travel.

Objectives:

- Treat a minimum of 100 acres of woodlands or shrubland vegetation groups every 10 years.

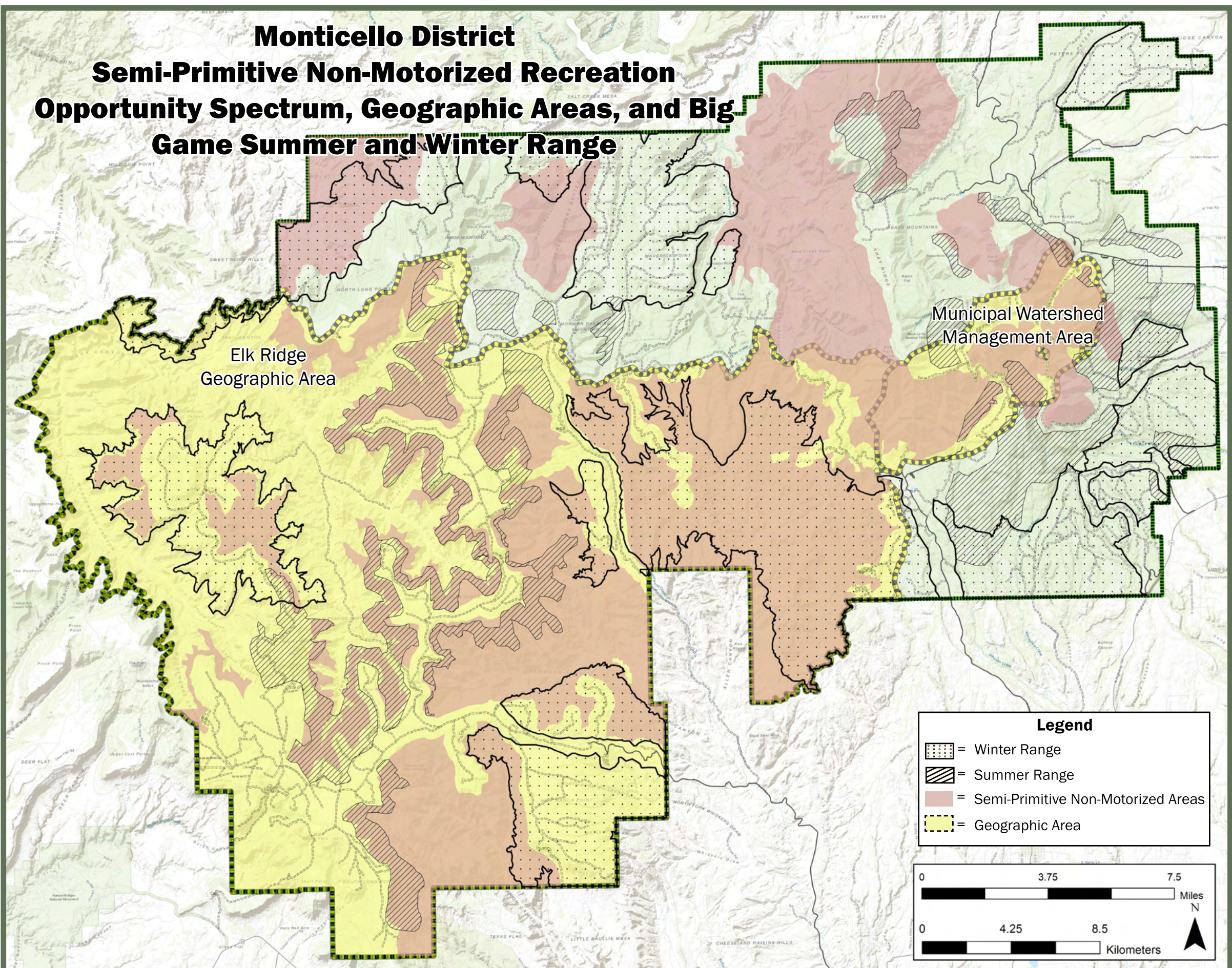
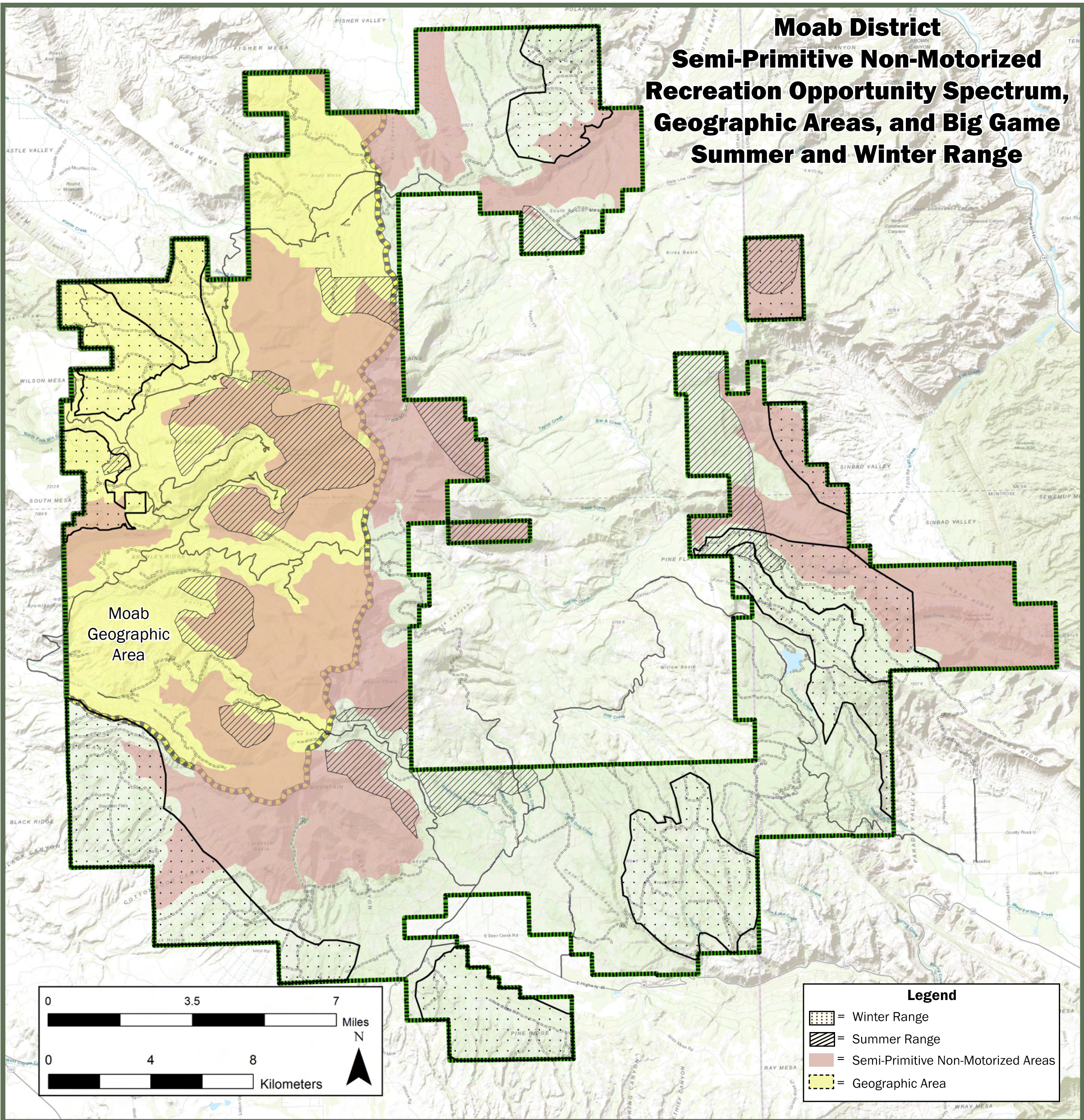
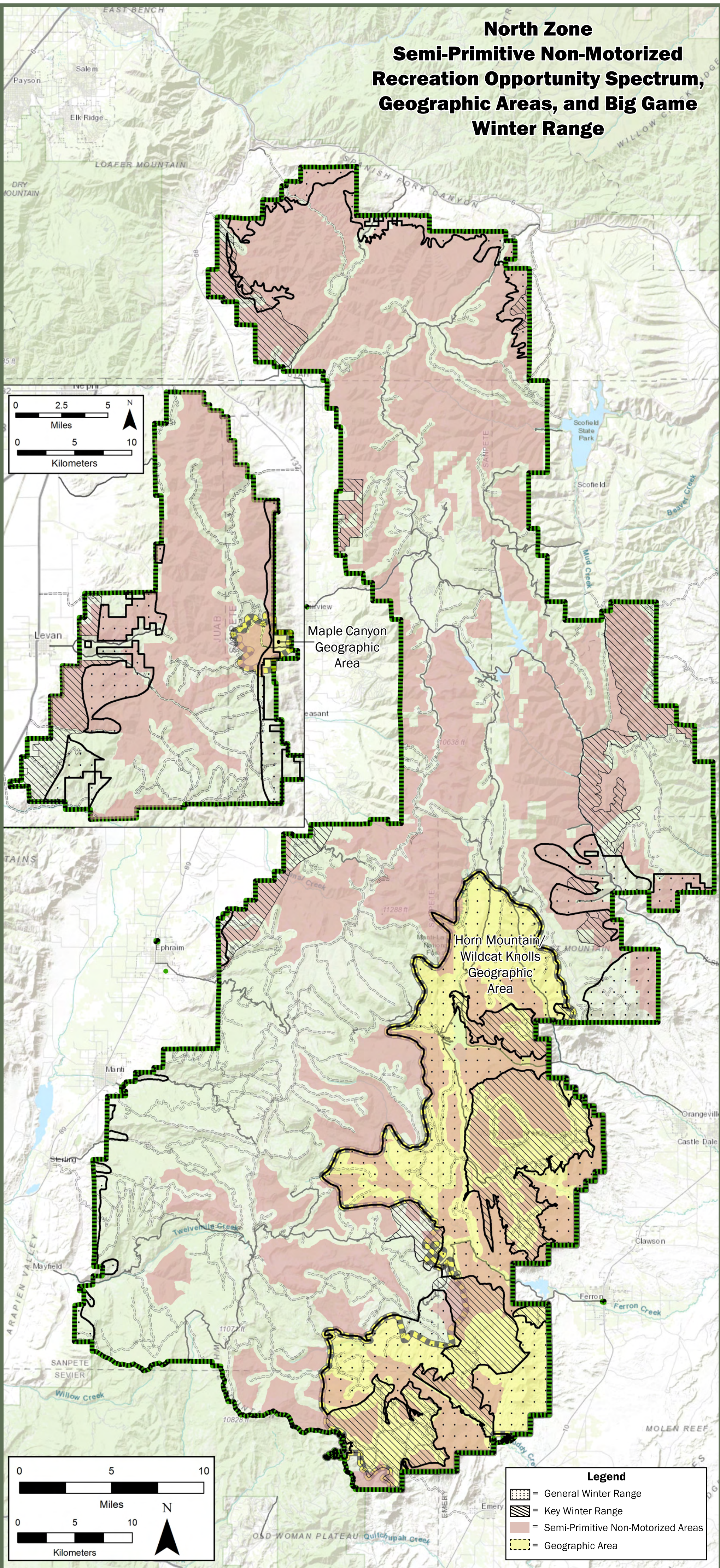
Standards and Guidelines:

- Management activities should avoid disturbance to big game on winter range during the winter closure period of January 1 through April 15, except for routes identified on a motor vehicle use map as open to motor vehicle use.

**When the current forest plan was signed...
the Manti-La Sal elk population was about 4,390 now it's 15,500.**

What else has changed?

- Sustained Drought
- Increased Visitation
- Increased Motorized Recreation
- Increased Mountain Bike Use
- Habitat Fragmentation from Increased Human Use
- Increased Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
- Loss of Aspen



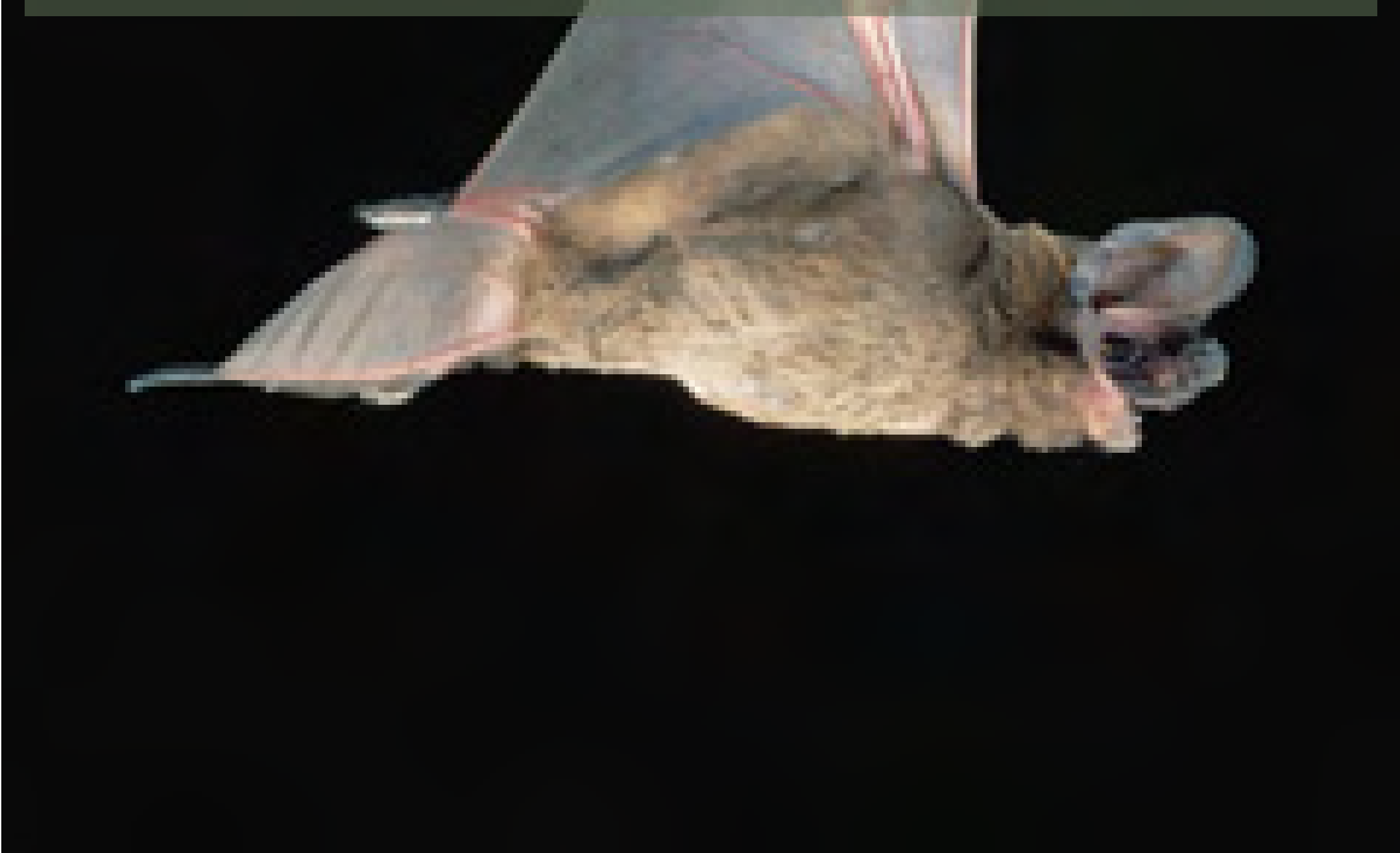
Wildlife

Desired Conditions:

- Landscape patterns provide habitat connectivity for native species. Resulting habitat connectivity promotes daily and seasonal movement of animals to facilitate maintenance of genetic diversity.
- Nonindigenous or introduced wildlife species are only present where they can be supported by healthy, functioning ecosystems.

Standards and Guidelines:

- New fence installation or reconstruction should be sited and designed to minimize hazards to wildlife and barriers to wildlife movement.
- Introduced wildlife species should not be supported where their presence conflicts with management direction for that area, or habitat type, or may damage resources on Forest lands.
- Management actions should avoid disturbance to roosting, hibernating, or breeding bats in caves, mines, and other habitats known to be used by bats.



Elk Ridge Management Area

Desired Conditions:

- Secure wildlife habitat and cultural resources are protected from expanding motorized access.

Standards and Guidelines:

- Road density shall be maintained or decreased.
- Road corridor dispersed camping shall occur in designated sites only. Designated sites shall be located away from important wildlife corridors and cultural resources.
- Game cameras shall not be used unless authorized for management or research.
- Mexican spotted owl canyon nesting and roosting habitat, based on the most recent habitat models, shall be protected from disturbance during the breeding season, March 1 to August 30.



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